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1. Dismantling of the Braunkohlen-Tagebau-Werk (unidentified) in Senftenberg (A34) was begun in early November 1946. When dismantling started, a delegation composed of members of the works council and the FDGB went to the Russian Commandant in Senftenberg, pointing out Marshal Sokolovski's May 1946 statement about the end of dismantling. The Commandant replied that Sokolovski's statement was made under the supposition that the progressive and democratic forces in Germany would be predominant. The results of the October elections, however, made it clear that the reactionary and capitalistic forces still prevailed in Germany. For that reason the Soviet Union felt itself obliged to adhere to the policy of securing itself against any possible future German attacks.
2. In early January 1947, dismantling was proceeding. The rail system and the mining and elevator installations had already been shipped out. By early February, two of the total of five mines had been completely dismantled. Dismantling of the three remaining mines is scheduled to be completed in March or April 1947.

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